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# The Ancestry and Descendants

OF

## GUSTAVUS BEALL

AND

## THOMAS HEUGH BEALL

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AN ARGUMENT WITH PROOFS MADE IN OCTOBER, 1911, BEFORE THE REGISTRAR OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BY MR. SHINN, SHOWING THE DESCENT OF MRS. DORA H. GOODWYN, WIFE OF JUDGE W. SAMUEL GOODWYN OF EMPORIA, VIRGINIA, FROM COLONEL SAMUEL BEALL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, THROUGH GUSTAVUS BEALL, HER GRANDFATHER.

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## Samuel Beall, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall.

Samuel Beall, Jr., was the eldest son and heir at law of John and Verinda Beall, as is attested by John's will in Book DE, No. 1, p. 475, in office of State Land Register at Annapolis, probated in 1712. John, the father, was the son of Alexander and Elizabeth, he coming with his father, Thomas, in 1666, an emigrant from Scotland. Verinda, mother of Samuel, was a grand daughter of Nodan Beall, another emigrant from Scotland, and probably a brother of Thomas. In Livre 9, p. 436 of Early Settlers in Maryland on file in State Land Office, Annapolis, Md., it is shown that Thomas Beall migrated to Maryland in 1666, and that he died in St. Mary's County, leaving a will recorded in W. B. No. 5, page 500, on May 25, 1713.

Samuel was born in or about 1713 in Prince George County, now Montgomery, on the southern side of the Eastern Branch, at a place then called New Dumfries, owned by his father John and given to his mother at his death by John. Samuel, Jr., was educated in Virginia and Scotland, and was graduated a physician.

In May, 1734 (Bible record) he married Eleanor Brooke, a grand daughter of Governor Brooke, as is attested by the Maryland Historical papers. He inherited much valuable land in what is now Montgomery County, a large part of which was given before his birth to Verinda, his daughter, and to Richard, his eldest son and heir at law.

### PUBLIC SERVICES.

On May 28, 1749, Samuel Beall, Jr., was elected by the Vestry of St. George's Parish, Md., Tobacco Inspector at Bladensburg, and again in 1750.

(See Parish Records, Vol. 1, p. 145.)

On December 5th, 1749, he was elected Vestryman of St. George, Ibid., p. 145.

In 1755 he was appointed Sheriff of Frederick County, serving two years, p. 160.

He marched with his cousin, Capt. Alexander Beall, with Braddock into upper Frederick and helped to build Fort Frederick.

In Judgment Record, Liber L, of Frederick County Records, "Samuel Beall, Jr." is noted as qualifying as Sheriff for Frederick County at the November Court, 1761. He served two years and was succeeded by his brother, Josiah. Samuel also served during the year 1760.

During this time and throughout the years, 1764 and 1765, he was buying land at the mouth of Antietam, building grist and saw mills, preparatory to opening an Iron Forge. On October 31, 1765, Liber J, p. 793 of the Deed Records of Frederick County, several deeds were recorded reciting the activities of Samuel Beall, Jr., in the direction indicated, and reciting a contract of partnership that day formed between Samuel Beall, Jr., of Frederick County and David Ross and Richard Henderson of Prince George County, in which Samuel Beall, Jr., puts in the lands and mills already bought at a fixed valuation which was paid Samuel Beall, Jr., by the partnership, Beall & Company, and the Iron Forge begun.



Thus Samuel Beall, Jr., is shown to have been the originator of the idea and the one to begin its practical operation, thus giving him the credit of creating the first Iron Forge in Maryland, if not in the United States. This forge had the distinct honor, while under his management, of casting cannon for the Continental Army.

Frederick Records teem with deeds to and from Samuel Beall, Jr., during this period; with deeds to and from Beall & Company, and with deeds to and from Samuel Beall, 3d, son of Samuel Beall, Jr., and founder of Sharpsburg.

In 1765 he was appointed one of the Justices of Frederick County, and was one of the twelve, whose names the Daughters of the Revolution have honored with a tablet in Frederick County Court House as protestants against the Stamp Act.

It is worthy of note, that while Frederick County was largely German, that not a name appears on that tablet except those of the hardy Scotch and English settlers of Maryland.

The applicant submitting this paper is proud to claim descent from two of that "Immortal Twelve", Colonel Samuel Beall, Jr., and Andrew Hough.

At a meeting at Fredericktown, Md., Nov. 18, 1774, Samuel Beall, Jr., was put on a committee to carry into effect the "Association resolved upon by the American Congress." American Archives, 4th Series, Vol. 1, p. 986.

At the same meeting Samuel Beall, Jr., was appointed on Committee on Correspondence for Frederick County. *Ibid.*

At a meeting at Frederick, June 24, 1775, Samuel Beall, Junior, was put on Committee of Observation. *Ibid.* n. 1173.

At the same meeting he was again placed on the Committee of Correspondence.

At the same meeting he was sent to the Convention at Annapolis to represent Frederick County.

At the same meeting he and his son, Richard, were appointed for Northwest Hundred to raise the money assessed on that Hundred by the meeting to carry out the assessment of the Colonial Congress on Frederick County. *Ibid.* pp. 1173-4.

June 21, 1775, appointed to have the people of Elizabethtown, (Hagerstown) meet July 1, 1775, and appoint a Committee on Correspondence. Am. Arch, Vol. 2., 4th Series, p. 1044.

At the same meeting Samuel Beall, Jr., with twelve others was appointed to review and inspect the troops of Frederick County. *Ibid.* p. 1045.

June 26, 1775, Samuel Beall, Jr., was enrolled as a Delegate to the Convention which met at Annapolis. Am. Arch, Vol. 2, p. 99.

Sat. Jan. 6th, 1776, the Convention elected Samuel Beall, Jr., Colonel of the 2nd Battalion, Upper District of Maryland, being the 36th Regiment of Maryland troops. Am. Arch, Vol. 4, 1774-5-6, p. 737.

He organized, drilled and put his regiment into shape ready for service and in September of that year resigned, having been selected to represent Washington County in the Assembly.

In 1775 Samuel Beall, Jr., was elected Chairman of the Committee of Safety for the Upper District of Frederick. (Williams' History of Washington County.)



That Samuel Beall, Jr., was Colonel Samuel Beall is unquestionable from these references. In Scharf's History of Western Maryland, Vol. 1, page 135, April 29, 1776, it is recited that Samuel Beall, Jr., was elected Chairman of the Committee of Safety and on May 7th, 1776, Colonel Samuel Beall took the Chair. On page 138 of Scharf's Samuel Beall, Colonel 2nd Battalion, Upper District of Maryland is noted. As will appear hereafter, his will was signed, "Samuel Beall, Jr.," While the caption of the inventory under that will states as of "the goods and chattels of Colonel Samuel Beall, deceased."

June 4th, 1777, Samuel Beall, Jr., appointed Justice of the Orphan's Court for Washington County by the Council of Maryland. Md. Arch, Vol. 16, p. 275.

Thus, Samuel Beall, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall, was a consistent Patriot; a Member of every important Patriotic Committee of Upper Frederick; honored by his fellows with other important offices; Chairman of the Committee of Safety for Washington County; Colonel of the 2nd Battalion, and Member of the 1st Maryland Convention which framed the first Constitution for Maryland. His social position was the highest, having been born well and having married well; he was related to and most intimate with Colonel George Mason of Fairfax, Virginia, and was hand in glove with all the choice spirits of Maryland; he was in a large sense one of the leading developers of Maryland; his mental power was of a high order and his energy as unbounded as his patriotism. He was head and shoulders above any of his name before, and the equal of any, since his time.

His will was dated October 15, 1774, and was probated June 16th, 1778.

The following is a verbatim copy of that will, so far as it names the children; the bequests are stricken out as immaterial to this inquiry.

1. Last will and testament of Samuel Beall, Jr., as recorded in Liber A of Wills in Washington County, Md., pp. 12, 13-14-15.

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Samuel Beall, Junr. being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, and recommending my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to be decently interred at the discretion of my beloved wife, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, viz."

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eleanor Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Vorlanda Dent, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Richard Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Walter Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Brooke Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Amelia Beall, wife of Thaddeus Beall, etc"

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Isaac Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Daniel Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Basil Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Eleanor Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Rebecca Beall, etc."

"Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Frances Beall, etc."



"Also, it is my will and I hereby order and direct that my executors or either of them that may act do sell at public vendue all my share and stock both real and personal, being one-fourth part of the Forge, known by the name of the Frederick Forge, in partnership with David Ross and Richard Henderson, etc."

"Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my son Richard Beall, Brooke Beall and Samuel Beall, executors of this my last will and testament, or any of them that shall think fit to and in consequence and at the earrest request of this my last desire in this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

"I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifteenth day of October, 1774.

(Signed)

SAMUEL BEALL, JUNR." (Seal)

Witnesses:

Charles Swearingen.

Walter Wilson.

William Good.

Probated in Washington County, Jan. 10th, 1778, before Thomas Sprigg, Reg.

The will was presented for probate by Alexander Claggett, who had been appointed administrator with the will annexed, as the executors were so far removed as to be unable to act. It was probated on the oaths of Charles Swearingen and William Good.

2. In Liber A 1, pages 45 and 46 of inventories and appraisements in the Register's Office at Hagerstown, Md., the following literal and exact caption appears:

"An inventory of the goods and chattels of Colonel Samuel Beall, late of Washington County, deceased."

It bore date August 22, 1778, and was signed by the appraisers, J. A. S. Smith and John Reynolds, and amounted to something over \$12,500.

On Page 46 there appears an inventory of the Forge property, itemized in full, and Samuel Beall's share valued at nearly \$4,000.

Rebecca Beall and Frances Beall, two of the devisees under the discretion reserved to the executors in the will as to the sale of the Forge stock appeared and signed the following:

"August, 1778. We the subscribers, two of the next of kin to Samuel Beall late of Washington County, deceased, do approve of the above appraisal."

(Signed) "Rebecca Beall,  
Frances Beall."

Then follows the oath of Alexander Claggett, administrator with the will annexed and the certificate of Thomas Sprigg, Register.

Neither of Samuel's sons as appointed by their father qualified as executor. Richard, the eldest and heir at law, was then in Montgomery County where he had resided on property given him by his father, attending to his militia duties and who died within eight months after his father. Brooke, another son, was also in Montgomery County where he always lived on property given him by his father, and was then Clerk of the Montgomery County Court. Samuel or Samuel the 3d, was at Annapolis on duty for Governor Johnson and the Continental Congress. Alexander Clag-





gett was therefore appointed by the Washington County Court administrator with the will annexed, and administered for several years. Brooke, many years afterward, with Samuel, the 3d, qualified as executors, and Upton Beall, son of Brooke, as acting executor and administrator, finally wound up the affairs of Samuel Beall, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall. Besides the property named in Samuel's will other real estate was found in various other places in Maryland, in Ohio and Kentucky.

### CHILDREN OF COLONEL SAMUEL BEALL.

1. Verlinda who married William Dent.
2. Richard, eldest son and heir, who always lived in Montgomery County.
3. Walter, a Justice of Montgomery County, succeeding his brother Richard on the bench.
4. Brooke, Clerk of Montgomery County for many years. M. Margaret Johns. He died in 1798.
5. Thomas, a gallant Captain in the Revolution, serving throughout the war and the founder of Cumberland, Maryland. Died in 1823.
6. Amelia, who married Thaddeus Beall, son of Josiah, her own cousin, and who was captain of a Ranger Company of which his brother-in-law, Richard, was Ensign.
7. Samuel, alias Sam's the 3d. Sv. in Rev. Army, Reed Lots 2347, 8, 9, 50, Scharf's Hist. Md., p. 146.
8. Isaac, a prominent citizen of Washington County.
9. Daniel, a prominent citizen of Washington County.
10. Basil, a soldier in the Revolution.
11. Eleanor. 12. Ann. 13. Rebecca. 14. Frances.

The provision made for his eldest son, Richard, long before the date of the will was a gift of lands in Northwest Hundred, now Pooleville District, in Potomac Hundred, now Bethesda District, and land between Bladensburg and Georgetown.

Verlinda Dent was given a less quantity in the same localities. The will gives the remainder of these Montgomery lands to Thomas, Brooke and Walter. Four of these always lived in Montgomery County, Richard, Verlinda, Walter and Brooke. Thomas died at Cumberland in 1823. The other children, except Samuel the 3rd, were always associated with Frederick and Washington Counties. The children were all patriots, and Richard, Brooke, Samuel, the 3d, Thomas, Walter, Daniel and Basil, performed Revolutionary service. The daughter, Amelia, married a Colonial Captain, her cousin.

The publications of the Columbian Historical Society note the beginning of the service of Captain Thomas Beall and then suppose that he was the same Thomas who was connected with the laying off of Washington. This is error. Captain Thomas Beall always signed himself as Thomas Beall of Samuel, and he was the one who raised a company of riflemen in Potomac Hundred, which was assigned to Colonel Moses Rawling's regiment and took part in all the engagements around New York. He served throughout the war, the last three years in the Western Department. A very interesting affidavit of his as Captain may be found in manuscript in



the Manuscript Division of the Congressional Library. He was then Captain in the service and signed himself, Thomas of Samuel.

The preceding record gives the children who were alive at the date of Samuel's will, 1775, 14 in number.

There were 17 children, however, as the family Bible discloses.

1. John Brooke Beall, b. Feb. 17, 1734-5. Died in infancy.
2. Verlinda Beall, b. June 1, 1736.
3. Walter Beall, b. Oct. 9, 1737. Died the same year.
4. Richard Beall, b. 1738, m. Sarah Brooke, eldest son and heir.
5. Walter Beall, b. 1740.
6. Brooke Beall, b. 1742, m. Margaret Johns. Died 1798.
7. Thomas Beall, b. July, 1744, m. Verlinda Beall. Died 1823.
8. Jeremiah Beall, b. Nov. 16, 1745. Died in infancy.
9. Amelia Beall, b. Apr. 19, 1747, m. Capt. Thaddeus Beall.
10. Samuel Beall, b. Sept. 28, 1748. Samuel the Third.
11. Isaac Beall, 12. Daniel Beall. 13. Basil Beall;
14. Eleanor Beall. 15. Anne Beall. 16. Rebecca Beall;
17. Frances Beall, b. Jan. 3, 1762.

#### DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD BEALL OF SAMUEL AND PROOF THEREOF.

Richard Beall of Samuel was born in or about the year 1738, the eldest son and heir at law, of Samuel Beall, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall of Washington County, Maryland; Richard married Sarah Brooke in 1758 or 1759; he died in 1778 while his wife, Sarah, died in 1797. The records of St. George's Parish, Book 1, p. 290, under the head of funerals recites:

"December 23, 1797, Sarah Beall, wife of Richard."

The children of this marriage were six in number:

1. Samuel Brooke Beall, eldest son and heir at law.
2. Thomas Brooke Beall, who m. (1) Margaret Heugh, and (2) Harriet West.
3. Mary Beall, who married William Dent Beall and died without issue.
4. Robert Brooke Beall, m. dau. Benj. Berry, Sr.
5. Walter Brooke Beall.
6. Aza Beall. m. Elizabeth Beall, dau. Capt. Thomas Beall.

These six are named in more than a dozen different deeds, wills and proceedings of courts and form a sextette difficult to forget. They are always named together and their names are spelled out in full. All of which is proven as follows:

1. The Will of "Richard Beall and Samuel" is as follows as copied from Will Book A, pp. 39-40, in the office of the Register of Wills at Rockville, Md.

A verbatim copy except that the item giving his soul to God and his body to the earth is omitted.

"In the name of God, I, Richard Beall of Samuel, being in health and sound memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following:

"Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved children all my real and personal estate to be equally divided among them share and share alike to them and their heirs forever.



"Item. I will and bequeath that my beloved wife, Sarah Beall, gave her third part of my land laid off to her in the place she shall choose and at her decease to be equally divided among my children as aforesaid share and share alike to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I will and bequeath if my said wife do marry that my children during their minority may be put to school and the expense thereof be paid out of the rent of their estate at the discretion of their uncle, Samuel Beall, the 3d, who is hereby appointed their guardian if their mother do marry.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Beall whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament, this 12th day of September, 1775.

(Signed) Richard Beall of Samuel." (Seal.)

Probated, August 19, 1778.

In Book A, p. 186 it appears that—

Sarah Beall, Executrix of Richard Beall deceased filed inventory of the estate.

Witnesses:—

"Walter Beall.

Samuel Brooke Beall, son of Richard."

This Walter, the witness, was a brother of Richard and another son of Colonel Samuel Beall. Samuel Beall, the 3d, was another son of Colonel Samuel, an auditor of accounts for Governor Johnson and President Hancock, of the Continental Congress and agent to Virginia during the War.

2. In Land Records, Washington County, Md., Liber G, pp. 854, 855 and 856, is a deed signed by Samuel Brooke Beall on May 3, 1792, a part of which is in exact language as follows:

"At the request of Richard Henderson the following deed was recorded October 1, 1792, to wit: "This indenture was made the 3d day of May, 1792, between Samuel Brooke Beall of Montgomery County, eldest son and heir at law of Richard Beall, deceased, who was eldest son and heir at law of Samuel Beall, Jr., formerly of Frederick County, but late of Washington County, deceased, of the one part, and Richard Henderson of Prince George County, one of the owners of the works at the mouth of Antietam in Washington County, Md., of the other part—"

"Whereas, Joseph Chapline late of Washington County, deceased, did in his lifetime on the 10th day of May, 1763 assign unto the said Samuel Beall, Jr., all the vacant land included by virtue of a warrant of resurvey, granted him the said Joseph Chapline the 20th day of Feb., 1761, on three tracts of land called Rash Bottom, Joseph's Choice and Bad Enough, which accordingly was done the 1st day of December, 1762, and patent issued to the said Samuel Beall, Jr., by the name of "I little thought it", and

"Whereas, the said said Samuel Beall, Jr., did by his obligation bearing date the 10th day of May, 1763, oblige himself and his heirs under the penalty of 2,000 pounds current money to convey to the said Joseph Chapline, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, on the terms therein mentioned all such part of the aforesaid vacant land then called 'I little thought it' lying to the northward of an east and west line drawn from southeast corner of George Moore's land, etc."



"And, whereas, the said Samuel Beall, Jr., has since deceased, and Richard Beall, eldest son and heir at law of the said Samuel Beall, Jr., is also dead, and hath left the said Samuel Brooke Beall, the grantor, his eldest son and heir at law, etc."

"And, the aforesaid Samuel Brooke Beall being willing and desirous to fulfill the engagement of his ancestor, now this indenture witnesseth, etc., etc."

Then Samuel Brooke Beall deeded the aforesaid vacant land.

This document proves that—

1. Richard Beall was eldest son and heir at law of Samuel, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall.
2. That Samuel Brooke Beall was eldest son and heir at law of Richard of Samuel.
3. Book C, p. 215 of Montgomery Deeds at Rockville recites as follows:

"At the request of Benjamin Lowndes the following deed was recorded on the 10th day of October, 1785. This indenture made this November 14th, 1784, between Samuel Brooke Beall, eldest son of Richard Beall, late of Frederick County, who was eldest son and heir at law of Samuel Beall, Jr., of Frederick County both now deceased of the one part, etc., etc."

4. Book B, pp. 218-219-220-221, recites as follows:

"At the request of Samuel Wheeler and others the following deed was recorded the 15th day of July, 1784. This indenture made on the 8th day of July, 1784, between Rudolph Etinge, now in Fredericktown, Frederick County, Md., of the one part, and Clement Wheeler of Prince George County and Samuel Brooke Beall, Thomas Brooke Beall, Mary Beall, wife of William Dent Beall, Walter Brooke Beall, Robert Brooke Beall and Aza Beall of Montgomery County, the sons and daughter of Richard Beall, late of Montgomery County, deceased, of the other part, witnesseth, etc."

These children of Richard Beall under his will were tenants in common and when they bought land for themselves they preserved this form of tenancy, which accounts for this repetition of their names. The above deed conveys one-half to Wheeler and one-twelfth each to the other six of 1,100 acres of land on the Potomac, called "New Esopus", "Frozen Levels", "Abraham's Lot", and "Concord." It is a long deed and the above sextette of Bealls are named as children of Richard several times each time having their names spelled in full as above.

5. Book C, p. 239—

"At the request of Sarah Beall the following deed was recorded the 24th day of January, 1786. This indenture made the 10th day of January, 1786, between Abraham Etinge, now in Montgomery County, Md., of the one part, and Sarah Beall, widow of Richard Beall of Samuel, deceased, of the other part, witnesseth, etc."

She bought other lands in the tracts last named.

6. Book D, pp. 101-102-103.

"At the request of Clement Wheeler and others the following deed was recorded on August 8th, 1788. This indenture between Sarah Beall of Montgomery County, Md., of the one part, and





Clement Wheeler, Samuel Brooke Beall, Thomas Brooke Beall, Robert Brooke Beall, Walter Brooke Beall and Aza Beall, witnesseth, etc."

She then conveys the land last named.

7. Book A, p. 551. Deed from John Williams to

"Samuel Brooke Beall, Thomas Brooke Beall, Mary Beall, Robert Brooke Beall, Walter Brooke Beall and Aza Beall", dated September 25th, 1729, for tract of land called White Oak Valley.

8. Book E. p. 395—

"At the request of Robert Peter the following deed was recorded September 2, 1793, to wit: This indenture made the 28th August, 1793, between Samuel Brooke Beall, eldest son and heir at law of Richard Beall, late of Montgomery County, deceased, and Aza Beall of Montgomery County, Md., of the one part, and Robert Peter of the same county, of the other part, witnesseth, etc."

The children of Richard had divided the lands received from their father, being tracts, Benjamin, Maiden's Choice and Labrynth, and Samuel Brooke Beall and Aza Beall sell their shares in these tracts."

9. Book D, p. 100—

Samuel Brooke Beall sold Thomas Brooke Beall for 5,000 dollars his part of the New Escopus, Frozen Levels, Abraham's Lot and Concord.

These recitals show clearly the children of Richard or Samuel. In what follows the Court of Equity pronounces upon these children of Richard, and also names the children of Thomas Brooke Beall, one of Richard's children, one of whom was Gustavus Beall, the ancestor of the applicant whose line has been unjustly attacked.

10. In the Judgment Record, 1817-18-21, p. 523 et seq on file in the County Clerk's office in Rockville, Md., the following case appears, which is copied as it appears in the record so far as it pertains to family history.

"Daniel Lee vs. Samuel B. Beall, et. al." Montgomery County to wit:

"Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the first Monday in March, 1815, Daniel Lee by Augustus Taney, his attorney filed in court here the following bill of complaint against Samuel B. Beall and others."

"To the Honorable the Justices of the Montgomery County Court sitting as a court of equity humbly complaining sheweth unto your honors, your orator Daniel Lee of Montgomery County that Richard Beall of said County died about the year 1773, leaving considerable real estate in fee simple and six children to wit, Samuel, Thomas, Robert, Walter, Aza and Polly Beall, and that he directed by will dated February 12, 1775, all said real estate to be equally divided among all his children, share and share alike; that subsequent to the death of said Richard Beall and prior to the year 1795 all the above said six children of the said Richard Beall, being of lawful age, did agree among themselves to partition and divide all the real estate of their said father and that in conformity with and pursuance of such agreement all the said real estate



was fairly and fully divided among them, and each one of them took and held possession of their respective shares or parcels, but that deeds of partition were never passed between them."

"That Thomas B. Beall claiming title to and holding the portion of land allotted to him under the aforesaid agreement and division sold the same in his lifetime to different persons, and among the rest a part to your orator and by a bond or conveyance dated May 21, 1793, the said Thomas B. Beall bound himself to make over and convey by a good and sufficient deed of general warranty unto your orator, his heirs and assigns, all the said inheritance not then sold.

"That in conformity with an agreement made between Thomas B. Beall and Aza Beall, all the money arising from the aforesaid sale to your orator was stipulated and appointed to be paid over to the said Aza Beall at the special request of the said Thomas B. Beall; that notes under seal were given by your orator for the payment of this money to the said Aza Beall which were paid and are exhibited herewith."

"That Polly Beall, one of those entitled under Richard Beall above-mentioned has departed this life without issue; that Thomas B. Beall of whom your orator purchased, departed this life leaving the following children to wit: Isaac Beall living in Montgomery County; Gustavus Beall and Mary Beall, the two last living in the District of Columbia, and Sally Beall who married a certain John Bennett, who died leaving only one child, who is supposed to be now living and who is now a minor. That the said Thomas B. Beall, deceased, left a widow, who is now the wife of John Aldridge of Montgomery County."

"Your orator further sheweth that he frequently after the payment said purchase money applied to the said Thomas B. Beall in his lifetime for a deed, but the said Thomas B. Beall was utterly unable to comply because the said Samuel B. Beall, Robert B. Beall, Walter B. Beall, Aza Beall and Polly Beall, mentioned above combining with divers other persons to wrong and injure your orator, etc."

"And, now may it please your honors that Robert B. Beall, Walter B. Beall and Aza Beall, children of Richard Beall, also Isaac Beall, Thomas H. Beall, Gustavus Beall and Mary Beall, all of lawful age, children of Thomas B. Beall of whom your orator purchased the land, combining with certain unknown persons to wrong and injure your orator.

Then he prayed for relief.

In the order of the court the Judge used the following language: "The object of the complainants' bill is to obtain a decree for a conveyance in fee simple described in the above conveyance given by Thomas B. Beall to the said Daniel Lee dated May 21, 1791, as a piece of land allotted to the said Thomas B. Beall, in a division between him and his brothers; that it was a part of the land left by Richard Beall of Samuel, to be divided among his children."

Further on the Judge says:

"That all of the children of Richard Beall of Samuel who are living, and the heirs of those who are dead are made defendants in this bill."



The court therefore ordered Samuel B. Beall, Robert B. Beall, Aza Beall, Walter B. Beall, Isaac Beall, Thomas Beall, Gustavus Beall, Mary Beall and Sarah B. Bennett to appear and answer.

At the Jan. term 1819, p. 527, "Aza Beall of Cumberland, Md." answered that he was then and had at all times been ready to make a quit claim deed, but would not make a general warranty deed. This appeared to be the whole trouble. Lee wanted one kind of a deed and the heirs desired to make another. Aza was at the time answered Clerk of the Allegheny County Court.

At the July term 1820, the court ordered the defendants named above to make a good and sufficient deed to Lee relinquishing all their right, title and interest in and to said land, p. 533.

This deed establishes the line from Richard of Samuel to Gustavus Beall beyond controversy. Judge Ridgely presided, had the parties before him, all prominent citizens of Montgomery County and the District of Columbia, and all represented by able attorneys, and the line of descent as stated was not only not questioned but confirmed as the true line. It is too late now for it to be questioned by merely writing "Incorrect—B" after Gustavus and running a line up to Samuel. This is the first court that decided this family relationship of Gustavus Beall. It announced that he was the son of Thomas Brooke Beall, who died in 1801, named his brothers and sisters as we have named them above. It not only showed that Gustavus was the son of Thomas Brooke Beall, and that his brothers and sisters were as set out above, but it told exactly who Thomas Brooke Beall was. He was the son of Richard of Samuel, all of which was set out by your applicant Mrs. Goodwin and can not be denied. But this is not all, although this is enough. We have another Chancery Court decision.

11. In Judgment Record, 1817-23, v. 439, et seq on file in the same office there was another cause whose caption reads as follows:

"Thomas Gittings, Complainant

vs.

"Samuel B. Beall, Walter B. Beall,

"Robert B. Beall, Isaac B. Beall,

"Thomas H. Beall, Gustavus Beall,

"Sarah B. Bennett, Mary Beall,

"John Aldridge and Harriet Aldridge, Defendants."

The bill of complaint was by Thomas Gittings, the sole heir at law of Benjamin Gittings. It set out that Benjamin Gittings during his life purchased property from "Sarah Beall, Samuel B. Beall, Thomas B. Beall, Robert B. Beall and Walter B. Beall."

That these last named parties on February 26th, 1792, bound themselves to make a deed upon Gitting's compliance with the terms of a recited bond. The complainant averred that his father had complied with the bond and prayed the court to compel the defendants to convey him 88 acres in the tract called "Benjamin", and 82 acres in the tract called "Labrynth."

The complainant then set out in detail as follows:

"Samuel B. Beall resides in parts unknown; Walter B. Beall and Robert B. Beall, now live in Montgomery County; Thomas B. Beall is dead and left the following children: Isaac B. Beall



living in Montgomery County; Thomas H. Beall and Gustavus Beall, the last-mentioned Gustavus living in Washington City; Sally Beall who married a certain John I. Bennett and afterwards died leaving one child who is supposed to be living. Mary Beall now living in the District of Columbia. That the said Thomas B. Beall deceased, left a widow who is now living and believed to be the wife of John Aldridge. That Sarah Beall, one of the obligors in the bond was the mother of the other obligators, and that she is now dead."

This complaint was filed November 15th, 1815.

The bond aforementioned was set out as an exhibit to the complaint. Its condition was such that "if the above bound Sarah Beall, Thomas B. Beall, Samuel B. Beall and Walter B. Beall, or their heirs, do and shall make over by deed of conveyance and general warranty all the land lying within the lines as follows"—

(Then follows a description of the tract Labrynth and concludes)

"so as to include all the land that Richard Beall's heirs hold in that part of Labrynth, and all the land lying in that part called Benjamin and part of a tract called Maiden's Choice."

On Page 440 the land is further described as follows: "That part of a tract called Labrynth conveyed by Archibald Beall and Jane, his wife, to Richard of Samuel."

That part called Benjamin and the tract called Maiden's Choice were given Richard Beall by his father Samuel Beall, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall during his lifetime, and were in turn given to Colonel Samuel Beall or Samuel Beall, Jr. by his father John in his will recorded in Book DD, Volume 1, p. 475, Annapolis Land Records on May 18, 1742, Samuel being the eldest son and heir at law of John Beall deceased.

In this case after about three years effort to get service on all the parties a consent decree was finally entered granting the relief demanded. All of which is set out in full on pages referred to.

Thus by two decrees of a Chancery Court are the following facts established:—

1. That Samuel Beall, Jr., or Colonel Samuel Beall of Washington County, formerly of Frederick County, left a son Richard in Montgomery County, and all deeds, wills, administrations, court proceedings, political minutes, printed and written for Frederick, Prince George, Montgomery, Washington and Allegheny Counties show that there was but one Richard of Samuel.

2. That Richard of Samuel had a wife Sarah. Died Dec. 23, 1797.

3. That Richard's children by Sarah were:

1. Samuel Brooke Beall.

2. Thomas Brooke Beall.

3. Mary Beall, who married William Dent Beall and died childless.

4. Walter Brooke Beall.

5. Robert Brooke Beall.

6. Aza Beall of Allegheny County, Maryland.





4. That Thomas Brooke Beall, 2nd child of Richard of Samuel and Sarah, died in 1801, leaving children as follows:

1. Sarah Brooke Beall, who married John I. Bennett and died leaving one child.
2. Isaac Brooke Beall.
3. Thomas Hough Beall.

4. Gustavus Beall of Georgetown, Washington, D. C. and Cumberland.

5. Mary Hough Beall or Polly Hugh Beall.

Richard Beall of Samuel died comparatively young, but was a Patriot and performed Revolutionary service of merit:

1. Richard Beall of Samuel on Committee to raise money apportioned by the American Congress to Northwest Hundred of Frederick County.

(American Archives, 4th Series, 1774-5, p. 1175.)

Was appointed Justice of Frederick Court, but as Montgomery County was created about this time, he fell into that county, where on March 20, 1777, he was commissioned as a Justice by Th. Johnson and Richard Sprigg, Chancellor.

(County Court Record, 1777-1781, 1st Vol. p. 1.)

He appeared at but one term of the Court, his militia duties engrossing his time.

3. On September 12, 1777, the Council of Maryland commissioned him as "Ensign of the Lower Battalion of Montgomery County."

(Journal of the Council of Safety, Md. Arch. Vol. 16, p. 313.)

His sister, Amelia, married Thaddeus Beall, and this Thaddeus was his Captain; a cousin, Thomas Edmonston was first lieutenant; Edward Wheeler, 2nd lieutenant and Richard Beall, Ensign.

He died in 1778, his will being probated on August 19th, 1778, about eight months after the death of his father, Colonel Samuel Beall.

#### DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BROOKE BEALL AND PROOF THEREOF.

All these Bealls and others of the same surname being descendants on the mother's side of Governor Thomas Brooke of Maryland, it is small wonder that we find his name so frequently recurring as a Christian name in the Beall family.

George Beall, Sr., had a son named Thomas Brooke Beall, and George Beall, Jr., likewise named a son, Thomas Brooke Beall, both these Thomas Brooke Bealls of George, being contemporaneous with the subject of this argument, Thomas Brooke Beall, second child of Richard Beall of Samuel. Their identification, however, is simple, as the first two died leaving wills, one in 1819 and the other in 1820, one being married and leaving two daughters and the other dying a single man. Thomas Brooke Beall of Richard of Samuel died intestate in 1801, and a line of chancery and county court decisions not only fix his status, but also that of his brothers and of his children. We have already outlined two chancery court



decrees, and we shall now enter upon the administrative proceedings which further establish the names of his children beyond controversy.

Thomas Brooke Beall of Richard of Samuel married Margaret, daughter of Andrew Heugh, in Montgomery County, in 1781 or 1782.

There were five children born to them as follows:

1. Sarah Brooke Beall, b. 1783, d. Sept. 2, 1809, m. John I. Bennett, and had one child, Sarah Brooke Bennett.
2. Isaac Brooke Beall, b. 1785, d. without issue.
3. Thomas Heugh Beall, b. 1788, d. leaving descendants.
4. Gustavus Beall, b. 1790, d. Jan. 1, 1866, aged 76.
5. Mary Heugh Beall, or Polly Hugh, b. 1793, o. s. p.

Margaret Heugh Beall, wife of Thomas Brooke Beall, died in 1794 or 1795.

Thomas Brooke Beall then married Harriott West in Frederick County, Maryland, on April 12, 1799, as appears from the Frederick Marriage Register and what follows.

One child was born to them, Tilghman Thomas Beall, b. 1800, d. 1820.

The Rock Creek Parish Records on file in the office of Mr. Browne in the Washington Loan & Trust Building, 10th Floor, 9th & F Streets, Washington, D. C., on the date October 23, 1891, notes the following burial.

"General Thomas B. Beall".

All of the foregoing is further proven as follows:—

#### DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

In the Manuscript Minute Book of the Orphan's Court of Montgomery County on file in the Register's Office in Rockville, being the first book, 1788 to 1810, the following verbatim entries appear:—

August 10, 1802, p. 133—

1. "On the application of H. Beall, administratrix of Thomas B. Beall, late of Montgomery County, deceased, it is ordered by the court that the whole personal estate of the said deceased be sold at public sale on a credit of six months taking bond with good security, the time and place of sale to be notified by advertisement inserted in some newspaper of Georgetown or Washington, three weeks before the day of sale, and also by printed hand bills set up at public places in the county."

2. August 9, 1803—

"Mrs. Harriott Beall, administratrix and widow of Thomas Brooke Beall, deceased, represents to the court that a certain John Waters did commit a trespass on the real estate of the said deceased."

3. August 8th, 1809, p. 214—

"The court appoints Thomas Fletchall and Alexander Whitaker to view and report to the said court the yearly value of the



real estate belonging to the heirs of Thomas B. Beall and report in writing the situation of the dwelling houses and other improvements according to law."

4. September 20, 1810, p. 231—

"Gustavus Beall, an orphan over the age of 14 years (by line) makes choice of Gerard Brooke as his guardian. The said Gerard Brooke being present in court accepted said appointment and gave bond with approved security."

5. On the same day and page:

"Polly Heugh Beall, an orphan over the age of 14 years (by line) makes choice of Gerard Brooke as her guardian. The said Gerard Brooke being present in court accepted the appointment and gave bond with approved security."

Remark. One of the Judges was Walter Brooke Beall, a brother of Thomas Brooke Beall, father of Gustavus and Polly Heugh, or Mary Heugh Beall. Another Judge was Honore Martin, a near kinsman of Margaret Heugh, deceased, the mother of these children.

6. Book 2 of said Minutes, 1811 to 1820, June 11, 1811, p. 13—

"The court appoints Gerard Brooke, guardian to Sarah B. Bennett, an orphan under the age of 14 years. The said Gerard Brooke being present in court accepted said appointment and gave bond with approved security."

7. August 15, 1811, p. 17—

"The court appoints John Aldridge, guardian of Tilghman T. Beall, an orphan under the age of 14 years, etc."

8. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1812, p. 33. Caption of a petition.

"John I. Bennett, Isaac Brooke Beall, Thomas Heugh Beall, Gustavus Beall and Mary Heugh Beall,

Vs.

"John Aldridge and Harriott Aldridge, Administrators of Thomas Brooke Beall, deceased."

"This case came before the court upon the bill, answer, exhibits and other testimony in the case, upon which the said cause hath been tried and it appearing to the court upon mature deliberation that the inventory returned by the said administrators does not contain a full, true and perfect account of all the goods and chattels of Thomas Brooke Beall, deceased, as the final account, it is therefore ordered, etc."

The administrators were given thirty days to amend. Sarah Brooke Beall, wife of John I. Bennett died in 1809.

All this is further reinforced by the following citations from the Will Books in the office of the Montgomery County Register.

✓ 9. Book D, p. 573, 574—

"On the 8th day of June, 1802, came Harriott Beall, administratrix of Thomas Brooke Beall, late of said county, deceased, and



made oath that the foregoing is true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased that had come into her hands."

The appraisers were Joseph H. Cheswell and John Waters.

Witnesses: "Upton Beall, cousin to the deceased."

"Lewis Beall, cousin to the deceased."

Remark. Richard Beall, father of Thomas Brooke Beall, was a brother of Brooke Beall, father of Upton and Lewis, so that the above statement is correct. The will of Colonel Samuel Beall, heretofore submitted, proves that Richard and Brooke Beall were his sons.

Brooke Beall died in 1798 intestate. His wife and children on October 31, 1798, by contract of Record in D. C. Deeds agreed upon a division of his estate. This was signed by Margaret, the widow, Upton Beall, Lewis Beall, Aquilla Beall, Elisha Williams, Harriott Williams, B. Mackall, Christina Mackall, Leonard Mackall, Kitty Mackall, Wm. Stewart and Helen Stewart.

Among the items in the inventory of the personal property were fifteen slaves, one regimental suit, new, two others somewhat worn, a surveying apparatus and a lot of books.

10. Book E, p. 191, April 9, 1805—

"Harriott Beall administratrix of Thomas B. Beall, late of said county, deceased, filed a list of debts due the estate."

On August 9, 1803, she filed a list of sales amounting to nearly \$7,000, and on the same day she filed her first account as administratrix. In the same book, p. 304, on April 9, 1805, she filed her second account.

11. On March 10, 1806, the Frederick County Marriage Register notes the marriage of John Aldridge and Harriett Beall, both of Montgomery County.

Remark. The mother of Harriett Beall, Mrs. West, lived in Frederick County.

12. Book F, pp. 375-6-7, Montgomery Wills John Aldridge, administrator and Harriott Aldrich, administratrix of Thomas B. Beall, deceased, filed a third account on June 15, 1808.

13. Book G, pp. 86-87, on Aug. 8, 1809, John Aldridge and Harriott Aldridge, admr. and admx. of Thomas B. Beall, deceased, filed a final account.

Remark. The heirs objected to the final account of the administrators and filed a suit, whose caption and result has been heretofore set out in paragraph 8.

14. Book H, p. 292, Feb. 11, 1813, John Aldridge, acting administrator in conformity with the decision of the court filed his first additional final account in the matter of the inventory of Thomas B. Beall, deceased, and on page 449, March 24, 1813, the second and last final account of the administration.

Remark. The heirs in 1810 petitioned for a partition of the real estate, and the court appointed Basil Brooke, Charles Crabb





and Thomas Fletchall, commissioners, who in Book H, p. 225, Jan. 29, 1812, certify that Tilghman Thomas Beall's part of the real estate of Thomas Brooke Beall was \$1,072. He was the only minor before the court and this is the only record preserved by the court. The same commissioners, however, certified that each of the other five children were entitled to the same amount.

15. Book I, p. 401, June 15, 1815, Gerard Brooke filed first account of guardianship of Sarah B. Bennett. He set out that he had received \$714 from sales of her grandfather, Thomas B. Beall's estate. On June 29, 1815, p. 405, he accounts for \$716 from the same source.

16. Book M, p. 475, May 23, 1821, John Aldridge filed a final account as administrator of Tilghman T. Beall, deceased, finding \$1,394 due his estate after paying expenses. The court divided this in words as follows:

"The above balance to be equally divided between the following persons, viz: Harriett Aldridge, Eliza Aldridge, Harriett Ann Aldridge, Joseph Aldridge, Sarah West Aldridge, John Aldridge, Andrew Aldridge, Isaac B. Beall, Thomas H. Beall, Sarah Bennett, Gustavus Beall and Polly Beall, to each \$116.21."

Remark. Tilghman T. Beall was son of Harriett Aldridge by her first husband, Thomas Brooke Beall; upon the death of Tilghman T. Beall, without issue, his estate derived from his father, Thomas B. Beall, descended to his half brothers and sisters, Isaac B. Beall, Thomas B. Beall, Sarah Bennett, Gustavus Beall and Polly Beall, children of Thomas Brooke Beall by his first wife Margaret, and to Eliza Aldridge, Harriett Ann Aldridge, Eliza Aldridge, Sarah West Aldridge, John Aldridge, Joseph Aldridge and Andrew Aldridge, half brothers and sisters by the marriage of Harriett Beall with John Aldridge, and the mother Harriet Aldridge was given a child's part.

17. Deed Book U, pp. 592-3-4 of Montgomery County Deeds in Clerk's Office, Rockville, Md., shows the final disposition of the real estate of Thomas Brooke Beall. The deed on the pages referred to is verbatim as follows so far as it is quoted.

"At the request of John Aldridge the following deed was recorded the 6th day of October, 1819, whereas Thomas B. Beall, late of Montgomery County, Md., died intestate possessed of certain lands in Montgomery County aforesaid leaving several children, whereof some were minors, the Court of Montgomery County upon petition filed in 1810, did appoint and issue a commission to Thomas Fletchall, Basil Brook and Charles A. Crabb, late deceased, to divide or value said lands under the act of assembly entitled 'An Act to Direct Descents', which said Commission, Thomas Fletchall, Basil Brooke and Charles Crabb, since deceased, did proceed to execute and make a return to March term, 1812, that said land in their judgment would not admit of a division without loss and injury to all the parties interested and that the real value of the lands aforesaid was \$7,625.33, current money. Which said return and judgment of the commissioners of the said court did ratify and confirm. The court on the petition of the heirs and with the widow's consent did order a sale of said land unincumbered with the



widow's dower and in satisfaction of the said dower the court did award to the widow one part of the money for which the said lands may sell. The commissioners aforesaid did proceed to sell after giving timely notice of said sale agreeable to the order of said court and it was struck off to John Aldridge, he being the highest bidder, for the sum of \$7,625.33. The purchaser then gave notes under seal with surety for payment and has since paid the whole of the purchase money."

Then follows the deed conveying Thomas B. Beall's share in New Esopus, Concord and Abraham's Lot on the Potomac River to John Aldridge, signed by John Fletchall and Basil Brooke, Commissioners.

18. From Court Record, 1807-1816, p. 475. The caption of the petition referred to in the foregoing deed as recited in the Court Record of Nov., 1812, was as follows:

"The petition of Isaac Brooke Beall, one of the heirs and representatives of Thomas B. Beall, late of Montgomery County, deceased, humbly sheweth, that the said deceased died some time in the year 1800 or 1801, and that he left the following persons his heirs and representatives. Sarah who intermarried with John I. Bennett and is since dead, leaving issue a daughter called Sarah B. Bennett, an infant; Isaac Brooke Beall, Thomas Hugh Beall, who are of full age, and Gustavus Beall and Mary Beall, who are minors, and Tilghman Thomas Beall, a minor. Also his widow, Harriott Beall, who has since intermarried with a certain John Aldridge."

"Your petitioner states that the said deceased died seized of certain tracts of land called, New Esopus, Concord and Abraham's Lot."

He then asked for a division of the land. The Court appointed Walter B. Beall, guardian ad litem to Gustavus and Mary, and John Aldridge to Tilghman Thomas Beall. This was done in 1810.

Further proceedings are set forth in sub-section 17 of this paper.

19. In Will Book, No. 3, Register's Office, D. C., p. 256 is the Will of Harriott Heugh of September 25, 1806, which devises all her estate "to her single sisters, Sarah, Jean, Elizabeth and Mary" and the remainder, if any, at their death "to the children of her deceased sister, Margaret Beall, and her sister Christina Williams."

20. Will Book 4, p. 20, D. C. Wills. The Will of Jean Heugh, Feb. 25, 1824, devises her property to "sister Mary, sister Christina, neice Mary H. Beall, and grand neice Sarah B. Bennett."

Remark. Mary H. Beall or Polly Heugh Beall, has been shown to be the sister of Gustavus Beall, and the will of Harriott Heugh above recited, proves the marriage of Thomas Brooke Beall to her sister, Margaret Heugh.

21. In July, 1815, the Will of Sarah Heugh was made and was probated Feb. 20, 1816, in D. C. Records. It devises her estate to her "sisters Jean and Mary, her brother John, her niece Mary H. Beall, and her grand niece, Sarah B. Bennett."



22. The Parish Records hereinbefore referred to vouch for these maiden sisters, whose wills vouch for Margaret Beall, Mary H. Beall and Sarah B. Bennett, thus indirectly vouching for Gustavus Beall, in language as follows:

"Andrew Heugh and Sarah Needham were married on Monday the 11th day of October, A. D. 1751, by Moses Tabbe, Curate of the Parish."

#### BIRTHS TO THE ABOVE.

"Martha Heugh, b. Nov. 6, 1752.

"Elizabeth Heugh, b. Tuesday, 6 p. m., October 27, 1754."

"Sarah Heugh, b. 4 p. m., Wednesday, June 30, 1756.

"Anna Heugh, b. 5 m. before 6, Wednesday a. m. 6, 26, 1758.

"Margaret Heugh, b. 25 m. before 6, Monday, 6, 16, 1760."  
1760."

The Parish record gives no further light but there were other daughters Christine and Harriett and two sons, John and Andrew. The father's name is on the tablet of the D. A. R.'s in Frederick Maryland. All of which clearly establishes that the children of Thomas Brooke Beall, deceased, were as follows:

Sarah Brooke Beall, who married John I. Bennett and died leaving one child, Sarah B. Bennett, about whom nothing further is known.

Dr. Isaac Brooke Beall, who died without children at Vincennes, Ind. In the 60's.

General Thomas Heugh Beall, who died in Kentucky leaving children.

Gustavus Beall of Georgetown and Cumberland.

Mary Heugh or Polly Hugh Beall, O. S. P.

Tilghman Thomas Beall, O. S. P.

The first five being children by his first wife, Margaret Heugh, and the last one being a child by his second wife, Harriett West.

#### DESCENDANTS OF GUSTAVUS BEALL.

The tombstone over the grave of Gustavus Beall at old homestead of Tomlinson's on Will's Creek, Cumberland, Md., contains the words "Gustavus Beall, died January 1, 1866. Aged 76 years."

This is the only extant record that can be found showing his age and by which his birth may be approximated. He was born therefore in 1790, which agrees with dates showing his minority in the Orphan's Court of Montgomery County in 1810 as hereinbefore set out. Gustavus had no recollection of his mother, she having died before he was five years of age, and very little of his father, who died before he was eleven. He recollected a stepmother very well, and always spoke of her as a good kind woman. He recollected Georgetown well, having lived there and in the vicinity nearly thirty years of his early life, going to Cumberland in 1829.



A few years before his death he visited the town in company with his son-in-law, John W. DeNord and pointed out to him a colonial house in which he passed many years of his life. He frequently spoke of his sister, Polly Heugh Beall, and of his brother, Thomas Heugh Beall, and of his cousin, Elizabeth Williams, daughter of his mother's sister, Martha Heugh, who married Richard Kean Claggett.

1. The first record evidence we have is his letter to the Orphan's Court, September 29, 1810, choosing a guardian, Girard Brooke, his younger sister, Polly Heugh Beall, choosing the same guardian on the same day. In less than a year Girard Brooke was made guardian of his niece, Sarah Brooke Bennett, the daughter of his eldest sister, Sarah Brooke Beall, the eldest child of Thomas Brooke Beall and Margaret Heugh; this eldest sister having married John I. Bennett in 1807. She was buried from Rock Creek Church, September 4th, 1809, as is shown by the records of St. George's Parish, Book 1.

2. He next appears of record in February, 1812, when the children of Thomas Brooke Beall attack the final account of the administrators, John Aldridge and Harriett Aldridge, the latter being the second wife of Thomas Brooke Beall. The caption of the petition being set out literally in the 8th item of descendants of Thomas Brooke Beall as aforementioned. He is next named in the court proceedings consequent upon the death of his half brother, Tilghman Thomas Beall, and was awarded a share of his estate. He also appears of record in the court proceedings to divide the real estate of his father, Thomas Brooke Beall in 1819.

3. In 1810 and 1811 he was in New York City familiarizing himself with the cabinet making business. In 1812 he returned to Georgetown and began the manufacture of all kinds of furniture. His first advertisement appeared in the columns of the Federal Republican and Commercial Advertiser of Georgetown, D. C., October 7th, 1812, in words as follows:

"Gustavus Beall, Cabinet Maker from New York, returns grateful thanks to his friends and the general public for their encouragement and patronage received in the line of his business and hopes to merit its continuance by diligence and attention in the faithful execution of all orders he may be honored with. He makes all kinds of furniture in the neatest and most fashionable style, having a number of the best hands employed. He is also provided with an excellent new hearse and on the most reasonable terms will furnish coffins at shortest notice in any style. He will attend all duties of an undertaker. Apply at his warehouse next door to J. O. S. Milligan's Book Store."

This notice appeared regularly for many months.

4. In Liber A. R., Deeds of the District of Columbia, it appears that Gustavus Beall of Georgetown sold George Beall, Jr., a lot in Washington City for \$7,234.85. No. 42, p. 321.

In Liber A. V., No. 46, p. 500 on April 14, 1820, Gustavus Beall and John Heugh (John being his uncle) sold lots on the East Side of High Street, Georgetown, D. C., lately occupied by Beall as a cabinet manufactory for \$8,000. He was then preparing to remove to





Cumberland, Md., the town laid out by his great uncle, Captain Thomas of Samuel, and in which his uncle Aza, youngest son of Richard of Samuel, was then County Clerk. His Uncle Aza married in Allegheny Co., Md., 3, 6, 1794, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Thomas Beall, his own first cousin. All the genealogists of the United States cannot dis-establish this fact. They were own cousins—a fact beyond controversy. Captain Thomas, father of Elizabeth, and founder of Cumberland, was brother to Richard, father of Aza, both being sons of Colonel Samuel Beall of Washington County, Md.

5. In the Maryland Advocate published at Cumberland, Md., under the head "Hymenial" in Nov., 1823, appeared the following notice:

— "Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Hyer, Mr. Gustavus Beall to Miss Rachael Tomlinson, daughter of Benjamin Tomlinson, all of this county."

6. On July 15, 1824, Richard Beall, son of Aza, and Gustavus Beall, were appointed administrators of the Thomas Beall estate. Captain Thomas Beall died in 1823 as the following notice in the Advocate shows:

"Died on Tuesday, the 25th, Captain Thomas Beall of Samuel, at an advanced age. He was a participator in the struggles of the Revolution and proprietor of the town of Cumberland."

Thus the gallant Thomas who marched out of Georgetown in 1776, and who served throughout the war of the Revolution, who always signed himself, Thomas of Samuel, a manuscript letter of his being on file in the Manuscript Division of the Congressional Library and signed "Thomas of Samuel", while Captain in the American Army, had for his administrators, two grandsons of Richard of Samuel, viz., Richard of Aza and Gusavus of Thomas Brooke Beall.

7. That Aza of Cumberland was son of Richard is proven by a deed dated at Cumberland, June 24th, 1820, in which Aza as grantor, recites the deed of Rudolph Etinge conveying New Esopus and other land to Samuel Brooke Beall, Thomas Brooke Beall, Mary Beall, who married William Dent Beall, Robert Brooke Beall, Walter Brooke Beall, Aza Beall and Clement Wheeler, and that Robert Brooke Beall with his (Aza's) consent had sold that part of his father's estate which had been allotted to him (Aza) to Benjamin Berry, Sr.; that Robert Brooke Beall had married a daughter of Benjamin, Sr., to whom Benjamin, Sr., had given the land as a marriage portion. Aza, at Cumberland, more than thirty years after the deed of Robert Brooke Beall to Benjamin Berry, Sr., quit claims all his right, title and interest in and to the lands called New Esopus to Benjamin Berry, Jr., a son of Benjamin, Sr.

8. Richard, son of Aza, and Gustavus Beall, were appointed administrators of Aza Beall, deceased, in 1845. Aza had been Clerk of the Allegheny County Court for twenty-eight years, and Gustavus was a resident of Cumberland for forty-six years, during which time he was connected with almost every prominent interest of the town, milling, merchandising, banking, railroading, etc., etc.



The children of Gustavus and Rachael Tomlinson Beall, were.

1. Benjamin Tomlinson Beall, b. Aug. 13, 1824; d. Apr. 1, 1886.
2. Gustavus Beall, Jr., b. 1828, d. Aug. 1851; m. (1) Mary Jane Eckles of Allegheny County, Md.; three children were born: (1) Henry Clay Beall, b. 1846, lives in Louisiana, Mo., unmarried; (2) Rev. Daniel Weisel Beall, b. 1850; married May 1, 1882, Anna Emma McCallan; at last notice he was in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Ladonia, Mo.; eleven children were born, three of whom died in infancy. The living children are Calvert Weisel, Virginia Lee, Ernest Penning, Robert Harrison, Alice Elvera, Henry Calhoun, John Calvin and Elsie Marie Beall. (3) Mary Jane Beall, b. 1851; educated at the Academy of Visitation, Frederick County, Maryland, m. Jan. 18, 1872, John Close of Cumberland, Md., now of Huntington, W. Va. Three children were born, Mary Lillie Beall Close, Ella May Close and John Alexander Close.

Gustavus Beall, Jr., m. (2) Sarah Staup, Feb. 3, 1853, at Wallersburg, Pa. She was born Oct. 1, 1853, the daughter of George Staup and Mary (Lore) Staup of Midland Homestead, Md.; he died Feb. 28, 1869 and she, Jan. 12, 1904; four children were born: (1) William Theodore Beall, Nov. 13, 1853; m. Oct. 22, 1874, Isabelle Gardner, daughter of George and Isabelle Gardner of Mt. Savage, Md. He is in the employ of the P. P. C. & St. L. R. R. Co., at Carnegie, Pa. Two children were born: First, Sadie Elizabeth, b. July 26, 1877, at Mt. Savage; m. at Cumberland, Md., Oct. 14, 1895, Andrew Jackson Shafer and had four children, Harry W., William Theodore, G. Annabelle and Andrew Jackson. Second, Georgianna May Beall, b. May 21, 1880; m. at Chicago, Nov. 27, 1899, Lester P. Sampson, and had two children, Mildred and Sadie, both of whom are dead. (2) Thomas Jefferson McKaig Beall, b. Mar. 20, 1856; m. Nov. 17, 1878, Mary Elizabeth Logsdon, dau. of Joseph and Mary Dean Logsdon; he is also in the railroad business; two children were born: first, John Benton Beall, who died young; second, Thomas C. Beall, b. March 4, 1881. (3) Leonidas Randolph Beall, b. Aug. 6, 1858, died Oct. 29, 1868. (4) Ida Beall, b. 1860 and died the same year.

3. Mary Heugh Beall, b. May 1828, d. May 14, 1869; m. Oct. 11, 1855, Decatur Hedges, b. 2, 28, 1832, youngest child of Dr. John Rawlings Hedges and Elizabeth Turner; for years Vice-President of the Peoples' National Bank of Martinsburg, W. Va.; she was buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Hedgesville, W. Va.; eight children, of whom five lived to maturity and married: (1) Dr. Gustavus Beall Hedges, eldest child, b. Oct. 10, 1856; m. Mar. 22, 1881, Caroline Burdette, b. 1858, dau. of David and Sarah (Brown) Burdette of Howard County, Md.; he graduated from the Medical Department University of Pennsylvania in 1877; resides at Martinsburg; no children. (2) Berenice Churchill Hedges, 4th child and 2nd daughter, b. 2, 9, 1862; m. 4, 10, 1898, David Edward Evans, Mining Engineer and Coal Operator of Denver, Colo., b. 7, 28, 1866, in London, Eng., son of Maurice and Martha (Jones) Evans.



and grandson of Capt. Richard Evans of the British Army; resides at Denver; four children were born, one of whom, the eldest, Matilda Hedges Evans, b. 1, 16, 1899 is living. (3) Dora Lee Hedges, fifth child and third daughter, b. 3, 5, 1863; m. 12, 19, 1884, Judge William Samuel Goodwyn, b. 11, 17, 1854, son of Judge William Stephen Goodwyn, graduate of Yale and University of Virginia, and grandson of Dr. William Goodwyn, alumnus of Edinburgh, Scotland; Judge Goodwyn is President of the Greensville Bank, of Emporia, Va., and was educated at the Abingdon Male Academy, Abingdon, Va., and at the University of Virginia; she was educated at Augusta Female Seminary. No children. (4) Mary Hough Beall Hedges, sixth child and fourth daughter, b. 3, 25, 1866; m. 10, 30, 1889, Dr. James Parnsworth Rodgers, of Bowling Green, Ky., b. 1857, son of John White and Margaret Elizabeth (Gillinwater) Rodgers; grandson of Judge T. J. Gillinwater; grandson of John White and Lavisa (Palch) Rodgers. Mrs. Rodgers was educated at the Martinsville (Va.) Classical School, and he is a graduate of the Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill.; four children were born, three of whom are living; Decatur Hedges Rodgers, Dora Matilda Rodgers and John Churchill Rodgers. (5) Matilda Tomlinson Hedges, eighth child and fifth daughter, b. Apr. 27, 1869; m. Sept. 21, 1896, George Royal Whitney; she was educated at the Berkeley Female Institute, and he at the Lyndon Institute, Vt., and at Albany (N. Y.) Business College; five children were born, four of whom are living, viz.: Owen Tudor Whitney, Clara Matilda Whitney, George Royal Whitney and Mary Beall Whitney.

4. Martha Drusilla Baker Beall, b. 1832, d. 1834.

5. Eliza Cornelia Beall, b. July 4, 1833; m. 8, —, 1847, Simon C. Gephart, banker of Cumberland, b. 1823, son of John and Ekanor (Marshall) Gephart of Frederick County, Md.; she died 1, 28, 1886 and is buried at Valley Falls, Kans.; he died 10, 23, 1882. Ten children were born: (1) Dr. Jesse Tomlinson Beall Gephart, b. 7, 28, 1848 in Cumberland, Md., m. (1) 8, 21, 1873 Alice Tutt, b. 7, 6, 1852, d. 6, 20, 1874, and had one daughter who died in infancy; m. (2) Clara Tutt, 1875, both wives being daughters of Elsie E. Tutt of Jackson County, Kans.; he was educated at Gettysburg College, Pa., and Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., resides at Valley Falls, Kans.; banker; children by last marriage: first, Eleanor Gephart, b. 12, 11, 1876; m. 5, 6, 1900, W. D. Ross of Jefferson County, Kans.; Supt. of Public Instruction; and had Marion Ross; second, Dr. Curtis H. Gephart, b. 1, 7, 1879; educated at Washburn College, Topeka, Kans., and Rush Medical College; third, Charles Tutt Gephart, b. 1, 8, 1881; fourth, Elmer Beall Gephart, b. 5, 16, 1883, and fifth, Mildred Gephart, b. 9, 29, 1893. (2) Marshall Gephart, b. 4, 21, 1856; m. 7, 4, 1876 Hannah Louisa Thomas, daughter of John Stephen and Hester A. (King) Thomas of Prairie City, Ill.; he was educated at Gettysburg College, Pa. and at Albany, N. Y.; Judge of Circuit Court; five children were born: first, Alice Beall Gephart, b. 3, 8, 1879; second, George Frederick Gephart, b. 8, 2, 1881; third, Franklin Curtis Gephart,



- hart, b. 7, 15, 1884; fourth, Jesse Thomas Gephart, b. 11, 15, 1891, and fifth, Helen Louise Gephart, b. 8, 21, 1894. (3) Susan Gephart, b. 10, 9, 1851. (4) Ida Marietta Gephart, b. 6, 21, 1853; (5) Robert Henry Gephart, b. Sept., 1854, unmarried at Oskaloosa, Kans. (6) Ida Joella Gephart, b. 11, 28, 1856; m. 12, 10, 1879, Frank C. Goudy, lawyer, b. 7, 21, 1852, son of Abel C. Goudy and Sinaette (Van Tilberg) Goudy; he was educated at Ann Arbor, Mich.; resides at Denver, Colo.; children, first, Franklin Burris Goudy, b. 2, 16, 1881; second, Alfred Holbrook Goudy, b. 3, 9, 1883; third, Marshall Gephart Goudy, twin of the former; fourth, Abel Curtis Goudy, b. 11, 27, 1884, and fifth, Harry Bell Goudy, b. 10, 30, 1889, d. 5, 31, 1890. (7) Mary Hedges Gephart, b. 9, 19, 1860; m. 1, 18, 1888 John C. Bushinger, Merchant, and had one child, Mary Gephart Bushinger, b. 2, 8, 1891. (8) George Frederick Gephart, twin to Mary, b. 9, 19, 1860; (9) George Gephart, b. 12, 24, 1861, died in infancy. (10) Susan M. Gephart, b. 9, 15, 1866; m. 11, 18, 1885, Arthur Webster, son of Irwin and Lucy Webster of Solon, O. Resides at Monte Vista, Colo., with one living child, Charles Webster, b. 11, 21, 1889.
6. Malvina Thistle Beall, b. 6, 11, 1835; m. 2, 1, 1855 George Hill of Berkeley County, W. Va.; d. 7, 28, 1867 at Valley Falls, Kans., leaving six children: (1) William Edgar, b. 9, 29, 1857; (2) Ira Valero, b. 2, 11, 1859; (3) Gustavus Beall, b. 8, 10, 1860; (4) Anna Fredell, b. 7, 14, 1862, m. Charles Felis; (5) Wilson Lee, b. 10, 25, 1863, and (6) Ida Hill, b. 10, 10, 1864.
7. Thomas Beall, b. and d. 4, 3, 1836.
8. Rachel Greathouse Beall, b. 1838; m. 8, 6, 1860, John W. De Ford, lawyer. She died in January, 1866, and is buried at Uniontown, Pa.; he resides at Ottawa, Kans.; two children were born: (1) Martha Beall DeFord, b. 8, 6, 1861; educated in New York and Europe; resides with her father. (2) John Henry DeFord, b. 12, 22, 1865; died at Ottawa, 7, 5, 1893, unmarried.
9. Sarah W. Beall, b. 4, 6, 1839; d. 5, 10, 1853.
10. Jesse Tomlinson Beall, b. 1841; d. 1885.
11. Martha Verlinda Beall, b. 8, 5, 1846; m. 2, 15, 1863, Rev. Samuel M. Firey, D. D. of Clear Spring Md. She was educated at The Academy of Visitation, Frederick, Md.; twelve children were born: (1) Dr. Lewis Beall Firey, b. 2, 14, 1865; he is a physician at Norfolk, Va., unmarried; (2) Mary Ella Firey, b. 4, 20, 1867; m. Leslie H. Brugh of Roanoke, Va., and resides there, four children, Ruth, Homer, Beall and Victor. (3) Martha M. Firey, b. 9, 25, 1867, m. Frank A. Campbell of Lynchburg, Va., and had one child, Esther; (4) Annie Domer Firey, b. 1, 21, 1869, m. Pierce A. Grizzard, Winston, N. C.; (5) Lillie W. Firey, b. 4, 21, 1870, m. 10, 9, 1890, J. M. Maupin; resides in Washington, D. C., with six children, William Firey Maupin, Lillie Verlinda, James Merritt, Lois Mattie, Harry Domer and Virginia Beall Maupin; (6) Samuel W. Firey, b. 10, 17, 1871, d. 11, 4, 1876; (7) William P. Firey,





b. 4. 28, 1873; (8) Emma Rachael Firey, b. 11, 25, 1874, m. Elmer Moomaw; (9) Ora Elizabeth Firey, b. 12, 10, 1876, m. John Bonyer and had children, Curtis, Firey and Harry; (10) Kate S. Firey, b. 10, 22, 1877; m. J. S. McGhee, Bristol, Va., and had Janet and Marjorie; (11) John S. Firey, b. 4. 28, 1879; m. and had two children, Thelma and Anna; (12) Dwight M. Firey, b. 5, 21, 1881.

## DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS HEUGH BEALL

Thomas Heugh Beall was born about 1786; and was about fifteen years of age at the death of his father, General Thomas Brooke Beall; he appears first in history when the petition was filed by the heirs of his father for a partition, and again in the petition for sale; he married about 1810, Sarah Chester, daughter of John Chester and Amy Walker of Philadelphia, Pa.; soon after this he and his brother, Gustavus, removed to New York City, where they remained until 1812; Thomas Heugh Beall afterwards moved to Henderson, Ky., where he died in 1830, leaving the title, General, prefixed to his name, but where, when and by whom conferred, like that of his father, I have been unable to ascertain; his wife died at the home of her son, William Ryland Beall at Cumberland, Md., in 1873; to this couple were born four children:

1. Harriet Eliza Beall, b. New York City, May 23, 1811; m. in 1836 at Henderson, Ky., George W. Johnson; she died in Henderson, Sept. 26, 1877, while he died in 1871. I have been informed that three children were born, William T. Johnson, Thomas Leroy Johnson and George W. Johnson. Of these I have but meagre details as no one of their descendants has replied to my letters. The eldest son appears to have been a minister of the gospel of the Florida Conference; m. Jan. 2, 1873, Jane Watson Goodlet at Appalachicola; d. Jan. 12, 1893, at Jacksonville; she died Apr. 3, 1887, at Duval, Fla. Three children were born: First Sarah Love Johnson, b. 10, 15, 1874; m. 6, 11, 1896, Fletcher C. Hale of Montgomery, Ala.; second, Harriett, b. 11, 8, 1877; m. 9, 15, 1899, Marshal B. King of Montgomery; third, William Ryland, b. 9, 5, 1880, unmarried at Jacksonville, and fourth, Mary King, b. 9, 15, 1883; m. 7, 18, 1905, Warren H. Williams of Atlanta, Ga. The second son Thomas Leroy Johnson, b. about 1840; died about 1902 and was buried at Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson, Ky.; married about 1875, Sarah Dallas Reed and had three children, Charles Dunning, Elizabeth Flora Ellen and John Leroy Johnson; the eldest child, Charles Dunning Johnson, b. Sept. 8, 1877, at Henderson; became a newspaper correspondent and during the Spanish-American War, assumed the nom de plume Chester D. Johnson. Elizabeth Flora Johnson married a man from Paducah, Ky., named R. W. Johnston, and when last heard from lived in Indiana. The third child died in infancy. Of George W. Johnson, third child of Eliza and George W. Johnson, I have ascertained nothing.
2. John Beall, b. about 1813, left his home a young man and was never heard from after his departure.



3. William Ryland Beall, b. in Georgetown, D. C., Mar. 11, 1836; educated at Georgetown College; moved to Cumberland, Md., about 1838, and went into the mercantile business with his uncle, Gustavus; he was afterwards connected in business with G. W. Watts; then with Alpheus Beall, and finally on his own account. He was one of the progressive citizens of that city and died there Apr. 28, 1878. He was twice married: (1) to Louisa (Eckles) Stebus, daughter of Samuel and Ann Elizabeth (Beall) Eckles, grand daughter of Asa Beall, Clerk of the Cumberland Court for nearly a generation; by this marriage there were four children born, of whom Laura Verlinda Beall is the only one living. She was born July 28, 1854, at Cumberland, Md., and married George W. Watts of Cumberland, b. Aug. 18, 1851 at the same place, and son of Gerard Snowden Watts and Ann Elizabeth Worthington; this couple lives at Durham N. C.; one child, Annie Louisa Watts, b. 9, 15, 1876 at Baltimore, Md., who on Nov. 29, 1899 at Durham, N. C., was married to John Sprunt Hill of New York City; of this marriage three children were born, George Watts Hill, b. 19, 27, 1901 at New York; Laura Verlinda Hill, b. 1, 12, 1904 at Durham, and Frances Faison Hill, b. 11, 14, 1908, at same place. On 1, 7, 1858, William Ryland Beall m. (2) Rachel Stillwell, dau. of Obadiad and Sarah (Martin) Stillwell; eight children were born to them: (1) Helen Mar Beall, b. 19, 19, 1868; educated at the Augusta Female Seminary; m. Dr. J. McPherson Scott of Hagerstown, Md., and had five children. (2) Robert Anderson Beall, b. 12, 31, 1860; m. and had two children; (3) William Ryland Beall, b. 3, 11, 1862; educated at Morgantown University, W. Va., and Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; married and had five children; (4) Lawrence Lyndon Beall, b. 5, 10, 1865; m. and had two children; (5) George Heugh Beall, b. 8, 16, 1867; m. and had 9 children; (6) Rachel Theodora Beall, b. 8, 29, 1870; educated at New England Conservatory, Boston, Mass.; m. John Augustine Mason, and had three children, Augustine Smith Mason, b. 5, 21, 1893; Verlinda Beall Mason, b. 1, 10, 1895, and Helen Scott Mason, b. 11, 27, 1897. (7) Sarah Elizabeth Beall, b. 11, 3, 1873, m. Grayson Burruss, 11, 21, 1894 at Hagerstown, Md., they now live at Toronto, Canada; three children were born, Annie Louise Burruss, b. 1, 8, 1896; Katherine Adriance Burruss, b. C, 11, 1909, and Grayson Donnelly Burruss, b. 8, 24, 1901. (8) Alpheus Beall, b. 6, 2, 1877, unmarried.
4. Theodore Lewis Beall, b. 11, 23, 1828, at Georgetown, D. C.; m. 12, 23, 1856 Harriet Matilda English of Philadelphia, daughter of Mizeal and Mary Bazelon English, b. 7, 6, 1824; he died in Philadelphia 12, 21, 1886, and she 4, 24, 1863. Three children were born: (1) John English Beall, b. 9, 24, 1857, d. 10, 29, 1875; (2) Theodore William Beall, b. 8, 2, 1859; d. 9, 17, 1910; m. 2, 28, 1906 Mary Ann Scholl; (3) Harriet Bazelon Beall, b. 7, 4, 1861; m. William Tharpe Watson of Milford, Delaware, Ex-Governor of the State, and had one child, a son.

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